

“LIKE MOTHER, LIKE MISSION”

2 Timothy 1:1-10  Pastor Matt Jones

Mission: Serving the Sovereign Together
(2 Tim. 1:1-4)

Motherhood: Sincerity and Saving Trust
(2 Tim. 1:5)

Mindfulness: Shunning the Spirit of Timidity
(2 Tim. 1:6-7)

Message: Suffering and Salvation in Testimony
(2 Tim. 1:8-10)

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QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY GROUP REFLECTION

ICEBREAKER: If you could change one thing about your upbringing what would it be? Speaking about your upbringing, what about it and/or who in it has shaped you the most into the person you are today?

1. In 2 Timothy 1:1-4 we see the brotherly bond of Paul and Timothy, along with their great joy in serving together. When you think about serving God in sharing the gospel with others, who are your best friends or partners in Christ that you enjoy serving with and how do you encourage one another when you're together for witnessing to others and living out your faith graciously in these days?

2. In 2 Timothy 1:5 we read about how God used mothers in the home for bringing faith to their children and grandchildren by the power of the gospel. If you had a Christian mother growing up, share about the role she played in your coming to know and worship Jesus. If you are a mother, share about your heart for your children and the ways in which you seek to bring the gospel to your family. In recent time, how has God been sanctifying and stretching you in your motherhood for His mission? Share.

3. In thinking about the importance of mothers in the last question, discuss the vital role that maternal instincts and feminine godliness plays in the life of the local church in lovingly caring for our family and protecting it like a mama bear or big sis would from harm/threats. Discuss the impact that women in the church have had on your life witnessing the service of godly sisters who love others, give of themselves, fight for unity, stand in the truth, praise God, and share the gospel with boldness in the face of forces of darkness in this world.

4. In 2 Timothy 1:7 we read about a “spirit of timidity.” What does this verse say about it and what does this mean? Personally, what sorts of things bring fear or timidity into your life and how are you growing or working to address them?

5. In 2 Timothy 1:8 we read about the Apostle Paul being imprisoned for his faith in Christ and effective ministry in sharing the gospel. In the book of Acts, the physical beatings and imprisonments of Paul are recorded for further study, along with his prison epistles in the New Testament. That said, please read Philippians 1:12-14 together and discuss the missional fruits of suffering actual injustice for gospel witness. Thinking about Paul's suffering for the gospel, what are some ways that you personally can resist the temptation to seek comfort and embrace loss, discomfort, injustice, and persecution for sharing Christ to others?

6. How can we pray for you this week specifically in kindling afresh the gift of God which is in you (cf. 1 Timothy 1:6)?